

## Message Text

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INFO OCT-01 EA-07 ISO-00 L-03 CAB-02 CIAE-00 COME-00

DODE-00 DOTE-00 INR-07 NSAE-00 FAA-00 FEA-01 OMB-01

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EB/OA:MHSTYLES (DRAFT)  
EB/AN:TROESCH  
L/EB:TJTALLERICO (INFO)  
CAB:ECORBOY - FAA/AIA:NPLUMMER  
DOT:DSCHROEDER - EA/ANP:HNELSON  
EB/FSE(INFO)  
FEA:KBAUER (INFO)

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R 300200Z JAN 76  
FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY CANBERRA  
AMCONSUL MELBOURNE

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EAIR, ENRG, AS, US

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE DISCUSSION OF AVIATION FUEL PRICING

REF : STATE 11359, 19279, 271539

1. FOLLOWING ARE USDEL'S INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING  
POSSIBLE DISCUSSION OF AVIATION FUEL PRICING IN AUSTRALIA  
IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE FEB 2 DISCUSSION OF AUSTRALIAN  
USER CHARGES.

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2. USDEL SHOULD CONSULT FULLY WITH EMBASSY BEFORE

RAISING SUBJECT. EVEN IF NOT RAISED WITHIN DISCUSSIONS  
AS SUCH, IT MAY BE USEFUL TO DO SO IN CORRIDOR.

3. IF SUBJECT RAISED, USDEL SHOULD NOTE USG HOPE THAT  
GOA WILL NOT GO FORWARD WITH PLAN TO RAISE AVIATION  
FUEL PRICES IN AUSTRALIA TO WORLD LEVEL FOR FLIGHTS  
LEAVING THAT COUNTRY. OBSERVE THAT U.S. MAKES SUCH  
FUEL AVAILABLE AT DOMESTIC PRICES, WHICH ARE LOWER THAN  
WORLD ONES. (FYI: WE UNDERSTAND THAT IN FACT QANTAS  
DOES NOT BUY DOMESTIC FUEL, BUT MORE EXPENSIVE BONDED  
FUEL, PRESUMABLY TO AVOID U.S. ALLOCATION SYSTEM.)

4. IF IT APPEARS THAT PLAN TO REQUIRE WORLD-LEVEL

PRICES HAS FAIR OR BETTER CHANCE OF GOING FORWARD, DRAW  
ON ARGUMENTS SET FORTH IN DRAFT NOTE TRANSMITTED STATE  
271539 TO OPPOSE IDEA OF SETTING DIFFERENT PRICES FOR  
DIFFERENT AIRLINES. IN BRIEF, THESE ARE:

A. SUCH SYSTEM WOULD RESULT IN LESS THAN FAIR AND  
EQUAL OPPORTUNITY TO COMPETE.

B. IMPOSED SYSTEM CANNOT HOPE TO DUPLICATE EXACTLY  
NUANCES OF MARKET-DETERMINED SYSTEM.

C. IT IS EASIER TO JUNK AN INEQUITABLE SYSTEM AT THE  
BEGINNING THAN AFTER IT IS WELL-ESTABLISHED. KISSINGER

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